

## **Cornwall County Chess Association (CCCA)**

### **Proposed rule changes for 2021/22 season**

#### **Introduction**

The suspension of OTB play gives us the opportunity to make a number of rule changes to improve our competitions in time for the eventual resumption of OTB chess.

Any changes must be approved at a General Meeting at which all members are entitled to attend and vote.

Clause 1.01 of the CCCA Constitution: “Fourteen days’ notice of general meetings and of the business to be discussed shall be given by the Secretary to the secretaries of all affiliated clubs and to unattached members so far as this is practicable....”

Clause 4.03: “Changes in the rules ... and the competition rules may only be made at the Annual General meeting or at a Special General Meeting.”

Clause 4.07: “A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary on the request of the Executive Sub-Committee ..... No matters shall be considered at such meeting except those specified in the notice.”

Because of Covid issues, it will not be possible to hold a physical meeting in good time. The Constitution does not specify the form the meeting has to take. I propose that, once a consultation period of approximately four weeks is complete, we move to vote on the various motions. I would email a notice to committee members and club secretaries in accordance with clause 4.01, the notice to contain the text of the motions to be voted on. Votes to be cast by email to me within 7 days of the notice. This procedure meets all the requirements for a Special General Meeting.

To reflect the ECF’s adoption of four-digit ratings, References to grades in the competition rules need to be changed to “ratings” throughout. No motion needed for this

#### **Summary of Proposals**

- Incremental timing to be used for all CCCA competitions.
- 4NCL rule 4.3 to be used for board order.
- Minimum distance for claim for neutral venue reduced to 30 miles
- Change all three-digit grading numbers to four-digit ECF ratings
- Average grade instead of maximum grade to be used where applicable
- The time control for the league and cup competitions to be 75 minutes plus increments of 15 seconds per move.
- Random draws for each round of the cups.
- In the cups, if all games drawn, team with lower average rating wins. If identical, toss of a coin
- The time control for the 500 League to be 30 minutes plus increments of 15 seconds per move.

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### MOTIONS TO BE PROPOSED

#### Individual Events

##### Proposal

*That the incremental timing be used for all individual competitions organised by or on behalf of the Association.”*

Insert as rule 2 in Rules for Individual Competitions.

#### All Team Matches

##### 1) Proposal

*That for all competitions, including the 500 League, grading numbers be replaced by the equivalent four-digit ECF rating.*

ECF three-digit grades are now obsolete.

##### Proposal

*That in all team competitions, including the 500 League, where there is a difference of more than 80 rating points between two players in the same team, the higher rated player must play on a higher board than the lower rated player.*

Substitutes 4NCL Rule 4.3 for the “current playing strength” rules.

##### Proposal

*a) That in the Roberts Cup and Roger Grime Cup the average rating of the players in a team may not exceed 1650.*

Replaces rule 2.2 (League rules) and 2.1 (Knock-out rules)

*b) That players rated 1900 or higher be ineligible to participate in the Roberts Cup and Roger Grime Cup.*

On the grounds that allowing the highest rated players to be included in teams would be unfair to the people for whom the competition is intended.

##### Proposal

*That in Rule 14 “50 miles” be replaced by “30 miles”*

Reduces the minimum distance for neutral venue claim to 30 miles.

##### Proposal

*That in the County Shield, Roberts Cup, A. W. Busby Cup and Roger Grime Cup matches the rate of play shall be 75 minutes for the whole game with 15 seconds per move increments from move 1.*

Replaces Rule 5 (all team Competitions). Rule 7 to be deleted.

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#### **Team Knock-out Rules**

Reorganise so that rules common to both competitions are in a separate section. No motion needed for this.

#### Proposal

*That a random draw be made for each round of the A. W. Busby and Roger Grime Cups.*

Anticipates both cups being played on a single weekend. To be proposed even if that is rejected. Replaces Rule 1.03

#### Proposal

*That if all games are drawn, the tie be broken in favour of the team with the lower rating average. If the average rating of both teams is identical, the tie will be broken by a coin toss.*

Designed to save time if both cups are played on a single weekend. To be proposed even if that is rejected. To be added to Rule 1.8.

#### **500 League**

#### Proposal

*That Rule 2 be deleted.*

Contradicts Rule 3.

#### Proposal

*Proposal*

*That the rate of play shall be 30 minutes for the whole game with 15 seconds per move increments from move 1.*

#### Proposal

*That the average rating for the team shall not exceed 1650 per player.*

**Ian George**

**Secretary**

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**